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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PATENT EXAMINING OPERATION

Applicant : Yuan Min WU et al.  
Serial No. : 09/083,410  
Filed : May 22, 1998  
For : SOLUTION HYBRIDIZATION OF NUCLEIC  
ACIDS WITH ANTISENSE PROBES HAVING  
MODIFIED BACKBONES  
Examiner : Ardin Marschel  
Group : 1634

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AMENDMENT

Box Non-Fee Amendment  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 16, 1999, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

Claim 1, line 20, after "wherein" insert --an inverse of--,  
and delete "inversely".